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Capitola Wharf Project Update

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The Capitola Wharf Resiliency and Public Access Project has made significant strides in the past months; city staff and the project contractor now estimate that the majority of Wharf construction will be complete in July. After construction, installation of additional Wharf infrastructure (such as the fish cleaning station) will take place. The public can expect a “soft opening” in mid-July with the Wharf accessible, but likely to close to facilitate finishing touches and further installation work. If all goes smoothly, staff predicts that the Wharf will fully open in August.

On May 9, City Council directed staff to move forward with a temporary use plan (for 2024 - 2025), to ensure that community identified amenities are available on the Wharf as soon as possible. Amenities include food vending, City sponsored live music, and much more. Traditional Boat and Bait services will be provided upon the Wharf opening, and staff is closely working with Boat and Bait to formalize a short-term lease.

Park at Rispin Mansion

The City is proud to share that the long planned Park at Rispin Mansion project broke ground in late April and is slated for completion by the end of October 2024. The site can be accessed either from Wharf Road to the west or via the Peery Park pedestrian/bicycle bridge to the east, and is located across the street from the Capitola Branch Library, making it the perfect location for a park.

The project will turn this historic City property into a public park, and planning includes completing ADA ramps to the mansion level, restoring the fountain and stairway, regrading pathways, and restoring the historic landscaping. The City hopes that this reinvigorated public space will be enjoyed for years to come, and is grateful for grant funding from Prop 68 State of California Parks & Water Bond that have contributed this this project.



Work on the Park at Rispin Mansion includes changes to the border wall to make the park more visible and welcoming.

Look Forward to Skatetola 2024

Join the Capitola Public Safety Foundation for the Skatetola youth outreach skateboard contest at the skatepark on McGregor Avenue. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 18** to attend this fun, family-friendly and free event!



Treasure Cove at Jade Street Park

City Council recently approved final plans, specifications, and estimates for Treasure Cove at Jade Street Park, bringing the City's Universally Accessible Playground Project one step closer to reality! The City is thrilled to partner with the County Park Friends for a fundraising campaign towards this exciting project. To get involved, and to donate, click on the link below.



Latest Council Action

The following is a summarized list of the action taken by City Council during the agenda of the **Thursday, May 9, 2024**, City Council meeting:

Consent Items Included:

- Authorizing staff to issue a request for proposals for outreach, planning, and design services for the long-term Capitola Wharf Use and Structure Plan.

General Government:

1) Short-Term Uses on Capitola Wharf -

Council approved three events on the Wharf for summer-fall 2024. Council will revisit event plans for the 2025 season in November of this year.

2) Finance Advisory Committee -

Council amended the Finance Advisory Committee bylaws to no longer require two business representatives, to allow for greater public participation.



Next Council Meetings:

Budget: Thurs., May 16, at 6 PM
&

Regular: Thurs., May 23, at 6PM

Community Mosaic Making at the Mall!

The Capitola Wharf Enhancement Project (CWEP) includes mosaic installations on updated Wharf entry columns by local artist Kathleen Crocetti. Now, you can help create these special public art pieces. Drop in during open house-hours at Capitola Mall (next to Ulta Beauty) to contribute to this community project.

Community Mosaic Making:

Mondays and Thursdays: 3:30pm to 7:30pm

Saturdays: 10am to 2pm

Capitola Mall, Space E09



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- Police Officer